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SUBJECT: FRENCH REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT ON COGEMA/
ERDA CONTRACT FOR REPROCESSING OF MTR FUEL ELEMENTS

1. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF CEA HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING SOONEST A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE COGEMA/ERDA CONTRACT CONCERNING REPROCESSING OF MTR FUEL ELEMENTS. THE HOLDING PONDS AT THE FRENCH RESEARCH REACTORS ARE COMPLETELY FULL AND ARE PRESENTING COGEMA WITH AN EMERGENCY SITUATION WHICH WILL REQUIRE SHUTTING DOWN THE REACTORS IF SOME OF THE FUEL RODS ARE NOT MOVED TO REPROCESSING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

2. CEA ADVISES THAT THE CONTRACT TITLE IS "CONTRACT FOR REPROCESSING OF MTR FUEL ELEMENTS" AND IT HAS THE NUMBER EY77CO90998. THE CONTRACT SIGNED BY COGEMA WAS SENT TO ERDA ON MAY 9, 1977. A SUPPORTING APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED TO NRC ON JANUARY 10. IT IS CEA'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TEXT OF THE CONTRACT WAS COMPLETELY AGREEABLE TO ERDA.

3. IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF POND CAPACITY TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL SPENT FUEL RODS, CEA WOULD APPRECIATE
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RECEIVING SOONEST A STATUS REPORT ON THE ERDA SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT AND THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION BY NRC. IF THE NRC CONTRACT CAN NOT BE APPROVED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, CEA WILL BE FORCED TO SHUT DOWN MOST OF ITS OPERATING RESEARCH REACTORS.

4. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN EARLY

CABLE RESPONSE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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